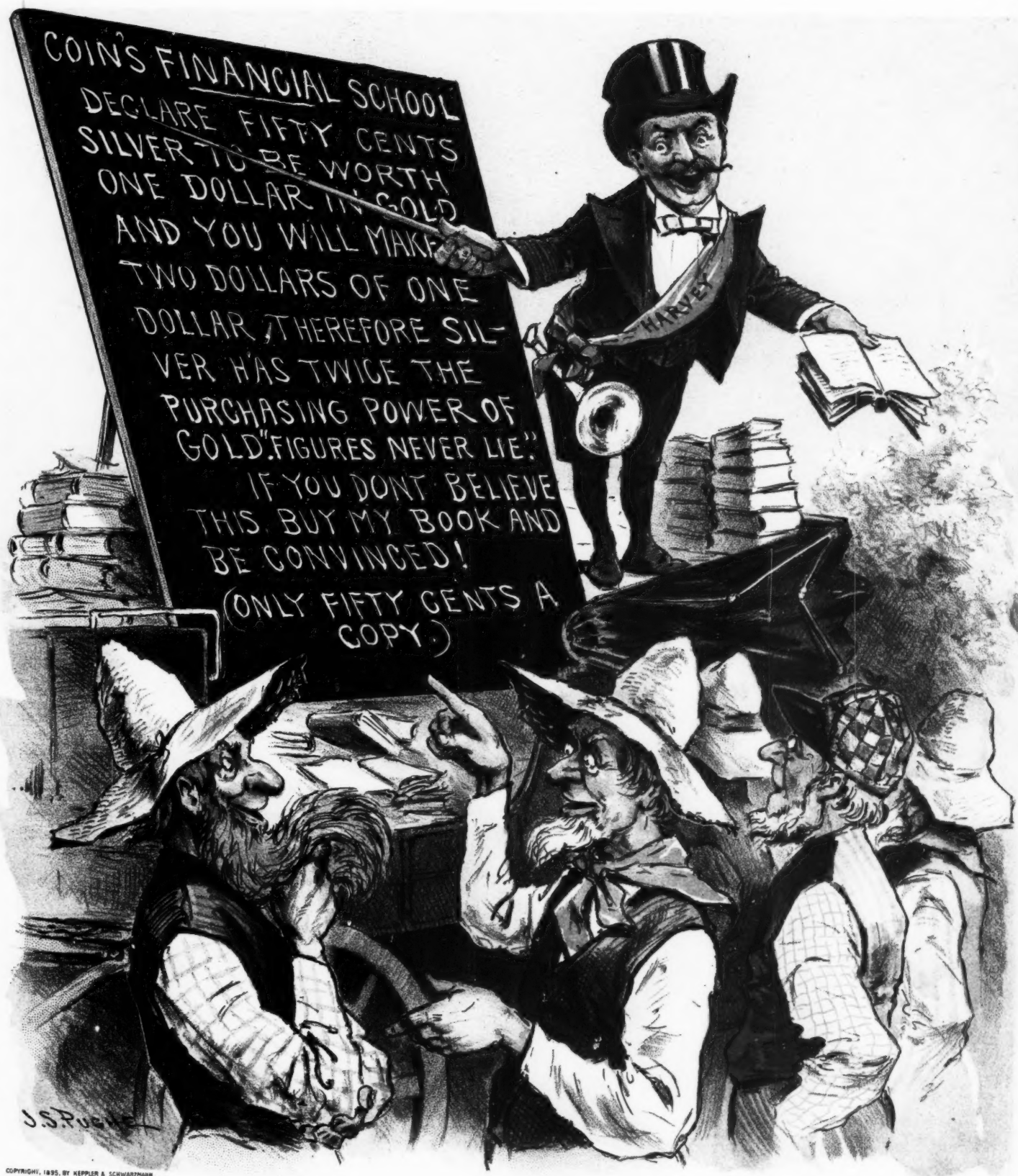


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THE FINANCIAL FAKIR FOOLING THE FARMERS..



THE CHOICE.



WHICH I liked best, she questioned me:
In either hand, that I might see,
And, smelling, judge impartially,
She held them up.
In one were roses, such as masked
The Sun's hot rays, while Venus basked
Beneath their shade. And Mabel asked
Which I liked best!

Which I liked best? The others seemed
No pearlier than the hand that gleamed
Between their stems; with laughter beamed
The face held up.
I stooped — our lips together flew —
And e'er the crimson blushes grew
And spread above the white, she knew
Which I liked best!

Richard Stillman Powell.

SPEAK CHEERFUL TO THE OLD FOLKS.

SPACER. — Yes; I have a great snap! I'm Old Age
Editor on the *Screamer*.

DR. RUYTER. — Old Age Editor?

SPACER. — Yes; you know the chief is getting on to
eighty-one, and it sort of cheers him up to read of "Hale Old
Hank Hawkins, of Skaggsville, Wis., one hundred and six years,
still doing the farm work;" and "Aunt Tabby Tolliver, of
Clay Creek, Ky., fresh and vigorous at one hundred and twenty-
two, who has smoked a pipe for ninety-five years, and remem-
bers the battle of Cowpens perfectly."

WITH THE average playwright it is all work and no play.



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SOMETHING FOR NOTHING.

UNCLE HAYS. — Wal, I knew it would come! Hetty Smith made
a splendid clerk fer Si White's store; but I knew he 'd git tired payin'
her wages.

AUNT MARTHA. — Law me! He hain't gone and discharged her,
has he?

UNCLE HAYS. — No, Maw; but he married her yestiddy.

SELF-EXILED.

MARY JANE. — I hear that Aggie has gone
out to the suburbs to cook for a family.

SARAH ANN. — Yes; she had a disap-
pointment in love, and she wanted to go
somewhere to brood over her sorrows.

WILLY'S EXPLANATION.

Indeed, I think I know why knots
Are always found in trees immense;
'T is so that there may be some holes
For small boys in the base-ball fence.

"WHAT'S THAT terrible cry I hear?"
"Oh, that's our college yell!"
"It must be a college of dentistry."

SAYLES. — You're surely not going to
have Mrs. Naylor arrested! Don't
you remember that she had kleptomania last
Winter?

THREDD. — Yes; but her husband has failed
since then.



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WHERE THE CHARGE LAY.

ROUNDSMAN (reporting at the station at 3 A.M.). — I just found
Officer Murphy drunk in O'Hara's saloon, sir.

SERGEANT (indignantly). — Go back at once and arrest that
villain O'Hara for violating the excise law.





GIVE HER TIME.

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THE PARSON (*who wishes to do a little missionary work while on his trip abroad*) — My dear young lady, do you love the Lord?
YOUNG LADY (*indignantly*). — How impertinent of you to ask, sir! I've only known him two days.

JERSEY FESTIVITIES.

MARY.—Our Shakspeare Club gave a ball, and the understanding was that no one was to be admitted unless impersonating some one of Shakspeare's creations.
FANNY.—And all did so?
MARY.—No. Nelly Spindle misunderstood, and came in bloomers.
FANNY.—Did she get in?
MARY.—Yes. I had her announced as *Much Ado About Nothing*.

"WHATEVER IS, is right;" or, if not, it ought to be made right.

IT is a slow baby that does not know which of its relatives is most easily imposed upon.

A SEPARATE MATTER.

HICKS.—You denied that you had taken any cookies, and here are three inside your waist; it looks very much as though I had detected you in a lie.
DICK HICKS.—But you surely can't think of trying me for perjury, on an indictment for larceny!

TWO HEADS are better than one in a dime-museum freak.

THE THEATRICAL "angel" rushes in where ordinary fools fear to tread.

WHEN you try to drown trouble in drink, it usually has a life preserver on.

AN UNLOOKED-FOR UPRISING.

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THE INNKEEPER'S SON.—See me have some fun with those two soaks!

"I thought I could make him jump!"

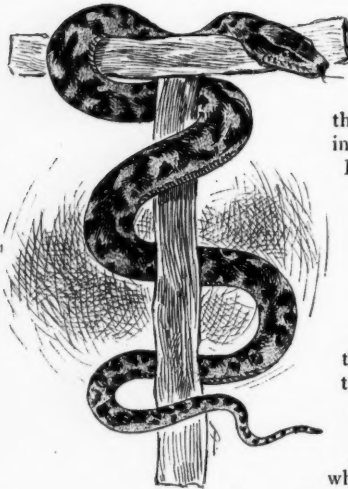
"——! ——! ——! ——! ——!"



ACCOUNTED FOR.

AMICUS. — There is a lot of catchy music in this opera.
CRITIC. — No wonder! Most of it has been hooked.

"SNAKE TAMING."



THE ABOVE is the title of an article in a late number of *Chambers' Journal*. I don't know if Mr. Chambers writes all the pieces for his periodical, but he is responsible for them, anyway, and I shall deal directly with him in this matter.

Remember, Mr. Chambers, I'm not saying a word against you as a man and a Christian. God knows I would not do you an injustice.

But when you give your readers minute and elaborate directions for the taming of snakes, you are simply doddering, and you might as well know it now as any other time.

What gave you the idea that people want to learn how to tame snakes, anyway? Do

you really suppose, for instance, that when I get back to

Brooklyn at five P. M., after a hard day's work over in the city, I want to occupy myself until supper-time by teaching a long, thick-necked, yellow reptile with brown spots on him as big as overcoat buttons, to love me and to come and eat out of my hand? Not on your life, Mr. Chambers! — not while I can go out to Prospect Park and get into a rattling good game of croquet.

"The first endeavor of the serpent fancier," you say, "ought to be to render his proteges tame and fearless of his presence and manipulation, since they are much more likely to feed when free from nervous apprehension." That is all right, but whom are you talking to? We — and I make bold to speak for your readers at large — are not serpent fanciers. Personally, I do not want a snake to be fearless of my presence. I want him to hate, despise, fear and shun me. Whatever his opinion is, I don't want him coming around and expressing it to me with a pair of nimble yellow fangs. And as for his feeding, to be perfectly frank with you, I don't care whether he ever feeds at all or not.

You further remark: "A very old python in my collection, formerly so quiet that a baby could and did play with it, and a most valuable specimen for handing around at lectures, has developed cataract in both eyes of late years, and a decided infirmity of temper." As I said before, Mr. Chambers, you may mean well; but if you have nothing better to do than to "hand around" an elderly python with sore eyes at lectures, I have no use for you. And I will say to you further, and in all kindness, that you

would have to be a better sprinter than I think you are to hand me that python. Honestly, Chambers, I would n't let the best friend I've got in the world hand me a python — say nothing of a perfect stranger.

Speaking of the Cobra da capello, which, to me, sounds more like a Spanish dance than a snake, you say: "Four large specimens and five babies born on the voyage — little fiends all — have just reached me safely." What of it? Is that anything to be proud of? I don't want to hurt your feelings, Chambers, but I should be prouder of a case of beer, any day.

And how about this? "Babies, by the way, will maul and play with snakes unharmed, where grown-up people would be bitten." Oh, no they won't, — at least mine won't. That's a nice thing to write down, is n't it? Is that a father's love, I ask you? I don't know anything about *your* babies, Chambers, but mine won't "maul and play with snakes unharmed"; not while I can buy them innocent woolly horses and jumping jacks and red-and-yellow choo-choo cars.

You say there is no great secret or mystery about snake-taming, and that you once caught a sixteen-foot anaconda with your bare hands. All right, old man; that may be as good a way as any to catch an anaconda, but what did you want to catch him at all for? And why should you think that other people want to catch anacondas? No anaconda has anything to fear from me. If I found myself on the same acre of ground with one I might frighten him to death in my efforts to get over into the next county; but I would never lay an unfriendly hand on an anaconda. You are at liberty to make whatever use you please of this information.

You say that snakes are "easily angered when cold," — that is, I presume you mean to say, they easily get hot when cold. You may be right, and if I had to keep snakes around the house, I should wind them up on a hose reel and keep them right back of the stove; but I don't have to — no man has to — so what of it?

What you want to do, Chambers, is to get this snake business out of your head. Don't think you can gloss it over by calling it "ophidian psychology." That won't fool anybody. I tell you, once for all, that your readers do not care to sit around the house trying to win the respect and approbation of a long, damp reptile which you yourself admit "rarely becomes perfectly trustworthy." Let up on snakes.

Tell us how to tame the savage flat-janitor, the relentless, headstrong trolley-car, the elusive, restless and treacherous bicycle, or any of the other evils which we are forced to combat in every-day life. Don't send us into the jungle looking for trouble, when we have it at our own fireside.

I say this to you as man to man.

H. L. Wilson.



NOT APPRECIATED.

WANDERING WILLY. — Say, Husky, whad yer t'ink about de New Woman?

HUSKY HANK. — Deys no good! Dey takes no sorter pride in housekeepin', an' yer can't jolly 'em about deir splendid cookin' till dey gives ye a hand-out, like ye kin de odds.

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MRS. MERCHANT (*angrily*).—What 's this? What 's this?
A long blonde hair on your coat! One of your typewriter's, I
know. If I ever find another I 'll get a divorce.



MR. MERCHANT (*to caller at office*).—Yes; I know that that
oil-skin bathing-cap looks rather strange on her head, but it
saves me lots of trouble at home.

MARY JANE!



MARY JANE!

I knew a little girl by that name long ago,
And I used to be her beau, ain't that so—
Mary Jane?
It 's a fact that many know
Mary Jane!

Mary Jane!
We parted then for years, you and I,
Yet I often sit and sigh as I think of
days gone by—
Mary Jane!
Indeed, I sometimes cry—
Mary Jane!

Mary Jane!
Oh, the quaint, old-fashioned sweetness
'bout that name,
I like it just the same, and I think you
are to blame,
Mary Jane!
For you changed it—what a shame,
Mary Jane!

Mary Jane!
Perhaps you thought the whole thing
old and plain,
But when you dropped the "Jane" I
can't say 't was a gain,
Mary Jane!
Oh, you marred it all in vain,
Mary Jane!

Mary Jane!
You may stylish sign your letters now
"Marie,"
But, your own heart will agree, you
would rather always be
Mary Jane!
Just the same old girl to me,
Mary Jane!

Roy L. McCardell.

THE MAN who always looks before
he leaps, never leaps.

THE CIGARETTE is the cheroot of
all evil a smoker knows.

A CRANK is a person whose en-
thusiasm we do not share.



FAMILIARITY BREEDS CONTEMPT.

GRANDPA.—Don't get scared, Willy; the tiger is about to be fed;
that 's what makes him jump and roar so.
WILLY (*easily*).—Oh, I ain't afraid of him, Grandpa; Papa 's the
same way when his meals ain't ready.

IMPAIRED EFFICIENCY.

MR. MOKEBY.—Who 's been openin' canned cohn agin, wif dat razzar?
MRS. MOKEBY.—What am de matter wif dat razzar?
MR. MOKEBY.—What am de matter wif it? It am good fo' nuffin'
'cept to play poker wif!

SETTLED.

TEACHER.—Who first settled New York?
DICK HICKS.—The Irish.
TEACHER.—No; the Dutch.
DICK HICKS.—The Dutch came
first, but it took the Irish to
settle it.

WHAT WE ARE COMING TO.

MRS. VERIFINE (*a few years
hence*).—That statue of Lincoln
must come down. It 's shock-
ingly immodest."

CITY OFFICIAL (*gasping*).
—In what way?
"His trousers bag."
"Y-e-s; but what of it?"
"What of it? That shows
that he had knees."

HER STRENGTH OF MIND.

He leaned soulfully nearer.
"And could you, he whis-
pered, "think of another?"
She cast down her eyes in
sweet confusion.
"Really," she faltered; "two
plates already—er—if you in-
sist—thank you. Yes; straw-
berry flavor, if you please."

IGNORANCE OF the law does
not prevent the losing law-
yer from collecting his bill.

THE ONLY trouble with the fool's
paradise is the inevitable ex-
pulsion.

OF ALL sorts of embarrassment,
that of riches is the most easily
overcome.



HOW WE DISCRIMINATE.

FIRST CITIZEN.—Why are so many of the recent immigrants reckless and improvident?

SECOND CITIZEN.—Under our present laws, any immigrant who is provident enough to arrange for some way of earning a living is not allowed to land.

UNSATISFIED.

THE REVEREND MR. HARPS.—Johnny, I am sorry to hear that you have been fighting with Willy Thumps again. Suppose something should happen so that you never see him again till you meet him in Heaven; what would you do then?

JOHNNY THICKNECK.—I'd yank one of his wings off, pound him over the head with it, and drive his blamed crown down over his ears till they'd have to file it in two to get it off.



SOMETHING TO SHOW FOR IT.

HANK BITTERS.—Do you reckon you can lick Tarantula Jim?

ALKALI IKE (*modestly*).—Wal, I may not be able to lick him, but, b' gosh! when he gits through with me he'll tell everybody that he met a man.



THINGS HAVE CHANGED.

POOR BIGGINS.—Here it is after two o'clock! If you don't get home earlier from your club I shall go back to my mother.

PRESUMPTIVE PROOF.

"When your son graduated did he leave anything behind him to enrich the traditions of the college?"

"I guess so;—his manners are gone."

A HABIT OF HIS.

The outlaws robbed the Pullman car,
Pulled pistols on the porter;
He only grinned, cried "Hold on dar!
Dis darkey cries fo' quarter!"



FORCED TO IT.

CATTERSON.—Your son tells me you have doubled his allowance.

HATTERSON.—Yes; he has gone into business for himself.

ULTRA.

VAN BANK.—Same old story! Here I've spent a hundred thousand on that country place, and now none of you want to go there.
MISS VAN BANK.—But, Papa, don't you know that there is nothing more fashionable than to have an expensive country seat which you don't occupy?

BEAUTY IS fleeting, and homeliness wishes it was.

CHILDISH SUPERSTITIONS are those which grown people teach children.



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CARTOONS AND COMMENTS.

MERCIES TOO TENDER. IF IT were not that it is an odd name, the name of Eugene V. Debs would probably be forgotten to-day by half the people to whom the daily press made it offensively familiar less than a year ago. The reason for this is that nearly ten months have elapsed between Debs's commission of an unlawful act, and the final affirmation of the judgement of the court punishing him for his wrong-doing. In the Summer of 1894 this man Debs first came into public notice as the chief inciter and promoter of a bloody and destructive riot in the railroad yards of Chicago, which he was pleased to call a peaceful strike of law-abiding workmen. The men who owned his authority burnt and pillaged as they pleased, destroyed many thousands of dollars' worth of property, assaulted citizens, and so tied up the great railway systems of the country that every branch of business was injured, and some were seriously crippled. It finally became necessary for the government to call out the national troops to suppress the disorder. These facts being known, it might naturally be supposed that Debs would receive exemplary punishment as a common rioter and disturber of the peace. As a matter of fact, the law of the land reaches out to punish this malefactor only in such an indirect and inadequate way that it can not possibly be called exemplary. He is not punished for getting up and leading a mob of rioters whose deeds of brutal violence were for weeks the horror of the country. But it so happened that in the course of his breaking and burning and destroying of things generally, he casually and incidentally broke an injunction restraining him from interfering with the moving of certain freight-cars. For disobeying this injunction he was adjudged guilty of contempt of court, and sentenced to six months in jail. It has taken nearly a year to get this sentence made operative by the affirmation of the highest tribunal of the United States.

We review this case because the impudent comments of Debs upon the decision of the Supreme Court contain a characteristic falsehood which is in effect only a distortion of a most sad and insignificant truth. He says of the relations between the people and the courts, and particularly as to the highest tribunal: "they have no confidence in each other, and the public have no confidence in the entire body." This is not true of the people — of the good citizens of this country, — but it is true that among men of lawless and ill-regulated minds there has grown up a belief that our present judicial system offers certain tempting invitations to those who are able, after breaking the law, to engage in a protracted contest in the courts of review for a reversal of the decision of the court of original jurisdiction. There is too much ground for this belief, and the treatment Debs has received is of a kind that makes his impudence very accountable. In our anxiety to give the citizen every possible safeguard of his personal liberty, we have opened up for the convicted felon too many avenues of escape, and given him too many opportunities to delay the execution of his sentence. We should never have heard talk like this from Debs had he been packed off to jail a week instead of a year after his rioting; and the example would have been good for those who are inclined to be Debses if they have not the fear of the law before their eyes.

SOME ANTI-SILVER MEDICINE. THE REPLIES to the publication known as "Coin's Financial School" have been many and able, and it is a most encouraging sign that they are being widely read. One of the best of these replies, because it is one of the simplest and clearest, comes to us from the W. B. Conkey Company of Chicago. It is aptly called "Coin at School in Finance," and it is written by George E. Robertson. Its perusal would probably have little effect upon the genuine silver crank, because that individual rises superior to mere reason. He endows silver with human attributes; he believes it has been grievously wronged, and he is quite ready to sacrifice his own and his country's prosperity to right that wrong. Figures, despite their traditional inability to lie, do not weaken his faith. Naturally these blind worshippers of silver are few. There is one other class to which Mr. Robertson's figures and facts will not appeal, — the class that is interested, directly or indirectly, in the production of silver. Happily, this class, too, is small. But the great majority of the people who might have been misled by the lies, half-lies and sophisms of "Coin" will be greatly benefited by a study of Mr. Robertson's book. It is dedicated to the wage-earners of the United States, and it ought to be read by every one of them.

"Coin's" first assumption was that the country is ruined; his second that it was ruined by the demonetization of silver in 1873. His proof that

the country really is ruined is that prices generally are much lower than in 1873. He takes no account of the progress that has been made in the industrial arts and in extending and cheapening the facilities for transportation. Because in 1873, steel rails were \$120, self-binders \$325, nails \$3.86, and pig iron \$23.38, the same prices, he argues, should prevail now. Because those prices have fallen, the country is ruined; and they fell, says Coin, because silver was demonetized. Improved methods of manufacture had nothing to do with it. It is sad, indeed, to think that there are grown men with whiskers on their faces, who have been disturbed by such reasoning. In the first place, as Mr. Robertson shows, there has been no general decline of prices since 1873 which is not accounted for by the law of supply and demand, or by a cheapening of the process of production. In the second place, labor commands a higher price to-day than it did then. These facts, and Mr. Robertson's book would make them evident to a kindergarten, clearly dispose of the claim that the farmer or any one else was robbed in 1873. There is no need for a man to entangle himself in the subtleties of finance when its main truths are so tangible and so easy to get at. He need only keep in mind that labor was never better paid than now; that a bushel of wheat worth sixty cents now, buys more than it bought in 1873 when it was worth a dollar; and that actual wealth can never be created by calling five "ten."

The country has not only lost an admirable Secretary of State in the death of Walter Q. Gresham; it has lost what it could less afford to lose at this time, — a statesman with an exalted ideal of American citizenship and the courage to live up to it. Mr. Gresham was by training and sympathy a Republican. When the Republican party began to degenerate, he tried hard to hold it to its old traditions. When it finally became the avowed agent of trusts and monopolies he left it. He was a statesman of the "log-cabin" school, a school that has produced the soundest Americans we have had. His ideals were high, his ways simple and vigorous and honest. He became Secretary of State with the sure knowledge that he would be harshly criticised both by the broken-down party he had repudiated and by an important element of the party with which he had allied himself. In the face of this criticism he never wavered. He had become a statesman incapable of the corruption that party loyalty so often entails, and calmly indifferent to the denunciation that is always provoked by independence of thought and action. He defended the Department of State from the assaults of Jingos poorly disguised as patriots, and he freed that office from the traditions of bluster and brag that had so long clustered about it. He was a patriot in the best sense of the word — a sense sadly unfamiliar in this day of Jingoism — and the American people are his debtors.



THE TROLLEY THE NATURAL INFERENCE.

MRS. LINTSON. — I'll take these two books, — "First Aid to the Injured," and "Self-Preservation in Case of Accident." Will you wrap them up for me, please?

CLERK. — No need to carry them, yourself, Madam; we deliver goods in all parts of Brooklyn!

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PRESIDENTIAL ASPIRANTS,
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GRANTS, TAKE TO THE WHEEL!
RED TO AND THE BEST WHEELMAN WILL MAKE THE BEST RUN.

THE DISADVANTAGES OF BEING RICH.

*I have no thought but pity for the burdens the rich endure,
For there is nothing sweet in the city save the patient lives of the poor.*

JOHN BOYLE O'REILLY.



HE MAD desire of the masses and classes from time immemorial to grasp the root of all evil, and live in the ease and splendor riches are supposed to bring, has brought forward a literature that panders to this desire; such books as "How to Gain Gold," "The Road to Riches," "The Way to Wealth," "How to Make a Million a Minute," and so forth, have met with a large sale. It is the present writer's purpose to refute all this in a few simple, well-chosen words, taken from personal experience and the best dictionaries. Although the scribe does not wear old clothes simply to appear eccentric, he really does not care to be wealthy, for it is much better to be poor than rich, and also much easier.

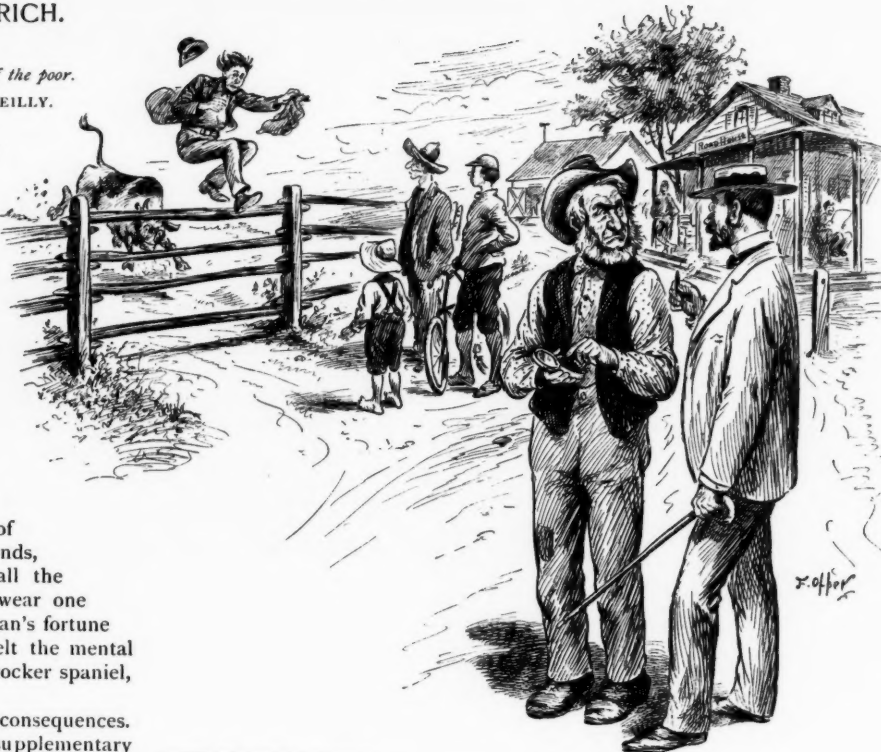
Think how hard it is to save money, and with what little trouble one can spend it, besides the real wild joy of doing the latter! One can not save money by wearing diamonds, living well, and going to the grand opera. If one has all the wealth of Croesus, he can only eat three meals a day and wear one suit of clothes at a time. Besides, who ever heard of a poor man's fortune being swept away in an instant? What poor man ever felt the mental anguish of losing a well-filled pocket-book or an imported cocker spaniel, or unregistered bonds?

A poor man can go on a note for a friend, and fear no consequences. If he borrows money he does not have to pay it back, and supplementary proceedings have no terrors for him. He can jilt a girl and fear no breach-of-promise suits. He can get a divorce and not be bothered with bonds for alimony. The poor man is not at the mercy of the trusted employee, and can not lose money in Wall Street. A great many people were sorely exercised over the income-tax, which they designated as an unjust and iniquitous law. But they were not poor people you heard chirping. The poor man never gets his neck broken fox hunting, neither is he ever placed in peril of his life by having his yacht wrecked in southern seas. The poor man never falls from glaciers among the Alps, or loses his foothold to be dashed to pieces while ascending the Matterhorn. If the poor man chooses to become inebriated, nobody but the police interfere with his personal liberty. Let the rich man get drunk, and his escapade will make a column scare-head story in the daily papers, and be carefully filed away for future reference. A poor man does not need to become a United States Senator; in fact, he can't. He is spared the disgrace, the villification and the association such a career necessitates with people of coarse manners and a minimum of brains.

If you are rich and spend your money freely, people sneer at your vulgar ostentation. If you are rich and careful they call it penuriousness and Russell Sageism. The rich man has no luxuries. Things one can afford are not luxuries. But when the poor man can get on a dress-suit and taste champagne it is a blissful event for him.

Take the rich man on his domestic hearth. His son can not go barefoot in early life, nor run for the Presidency in after years. If his daughter marries a foreigner of noble birth, there is a howl about pauper earls and the buying of the same. Yet let the poor man's daughter marry the scion of a princely house, and it is hailed as a delightful romance in real life.

If the rich man gets involved in any legal difficulty the lawyers vituperate him, the judge frowns upon him, and



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AN IMPORTANT PURPOSE IN VIEW.

MR. NEWCOME.—That's the fourth time this week I've seen that young fellow go over that fence with your bull chasing him;—why does n't he keep out of there, I wonder?

MR. OATFIELD.—That's what I asked him; but he said it was great practice;—he's boardin' at the tavern an' trainin' fur to do the high jump in them college games this Fall.

he is bled right and left until he speedily learns that it is but too true there is one law for the rich and another for the poor.

Let the rich man try to hold back a debt from a poor man, and Rome will howl and his property will be attached. But woe betide him when he tries to collect from his poorer brother in turn, or petitions the Board of Health to remove the poor widow's pig-pen, which may be adjacent to his conservatory. In short, the rich man is liable for everything he says, does, or puts his name to. The poor man can not be done out of anything by suit, agreement or compact, and he neither suffers from insomnia, nervous prostration or bank failures.

Therefore, let us be ever thankful that while we wear not the overcoat of fur nor smoke the cigar of the Havana, we are happy because no evenings with Trilby are held at our house. Blessed are the poor, for they have nothing to lose; and, after all, there is no real pleasure in life except happiness!

Roy L. McCardell.

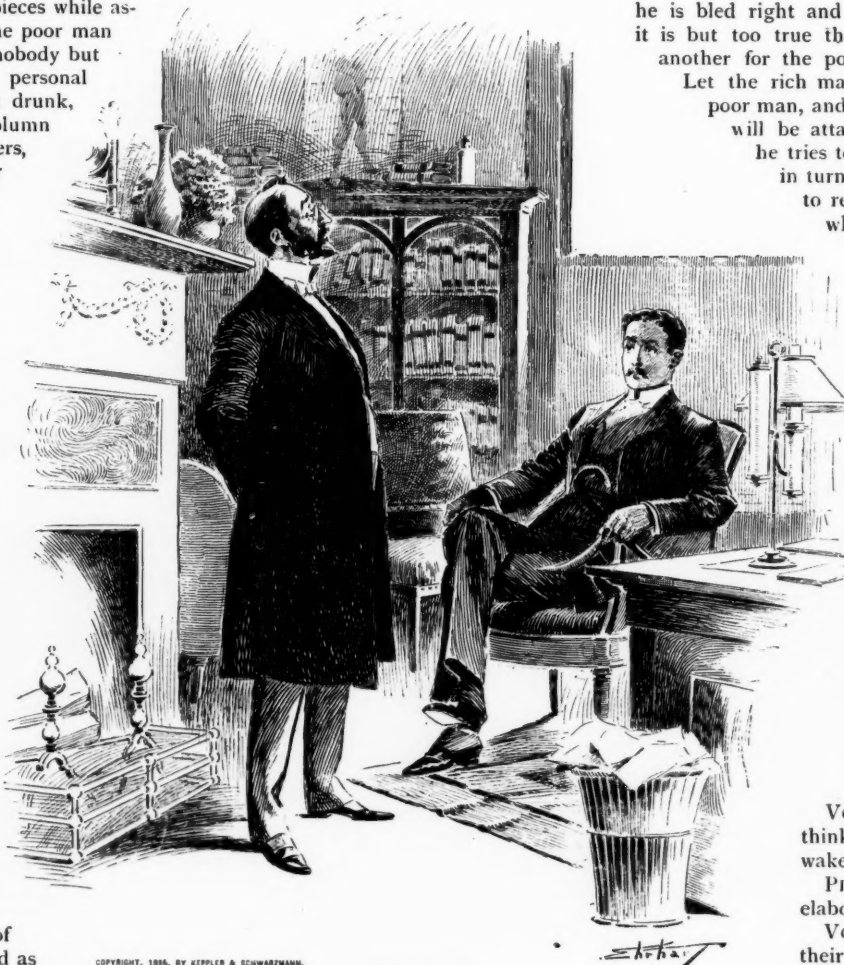
FOR HIMSELF.

VON BLUMER.—What do you think of this alarm clock? It's to wake up the servants.

PLANKINGTON.—Is n't that pretty elaborate for the servants' room?

VON BLUMER.—That is n't for their room. It's for mine.

IF YOU want to appreciate the silver lining of the cloud, hurry home before the shower.



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SUCCESS.

FRIEND.—You've done very well, have n't you, Doctor?

DOCTOR.—Very well. I can almost afford to tell some of my fashionable patients that there is nothing the matter with them.

NAPOLEON AND THE CZAR.



THOMAS BRACKETT REED. — Hello, Central! Give me Napoleon. No, I don't mean Napoleon; but McKinley. — Is that you, Mack?

WM. MCKINLEY, JR. — Yes; what do you want?

REED. — You've been over in Connecticut, have n't you?

MCKINLEY. — Yes; what's it to you?

REED. — You keep your ear to the 'phone and you'll hear. Did n't you ever hear of the Monroe Doctrine?

MCKINLEY. — I don't see what the Monroe Doctrine has to do with the case.

REED. — Well, I do. The Monroe Doctrine says, "Shinny on your own side." Please bear it in mind, hereafter, and keep out of my territory.

MCKINLEY. — All right, old man. I'll see you in '96.

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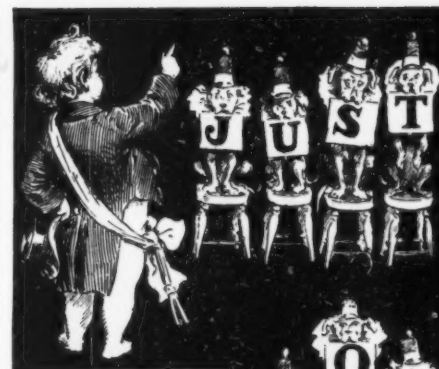


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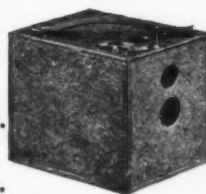
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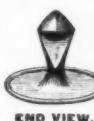
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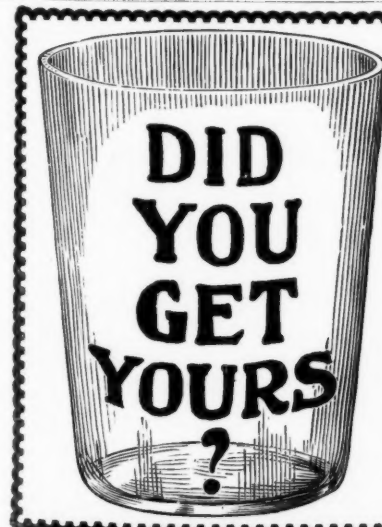


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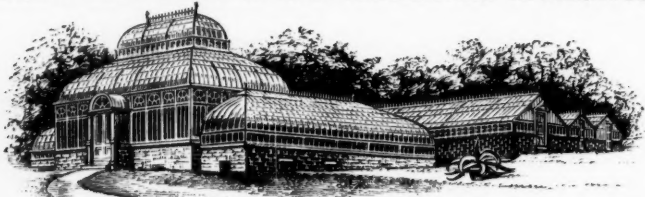
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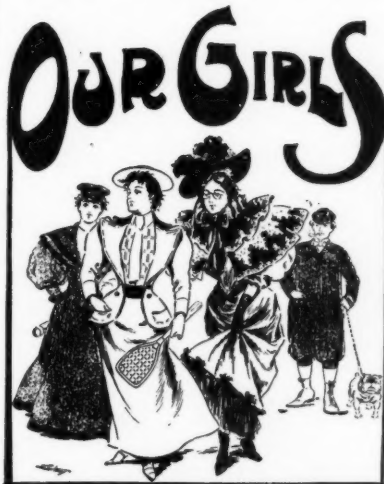
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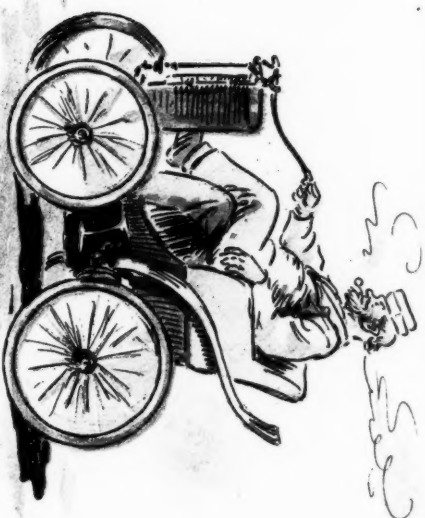
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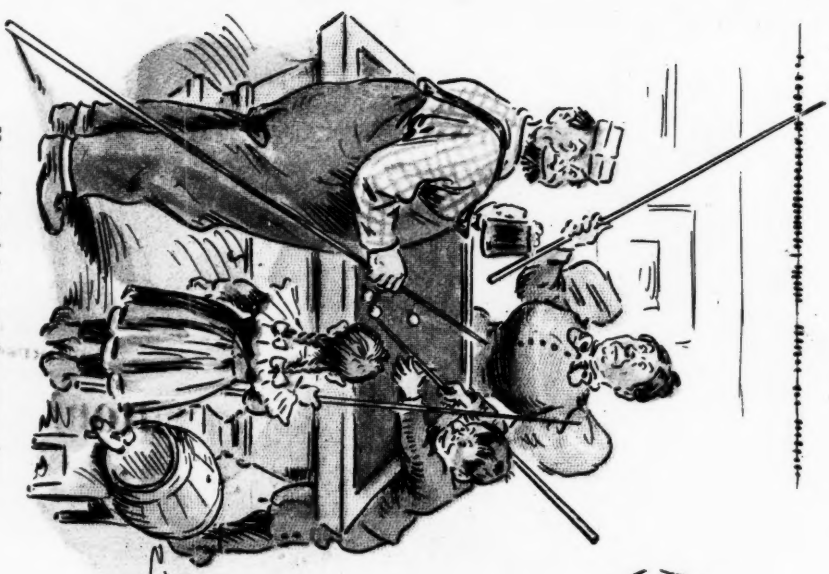
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